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In re Application of: SEVICK-MURACA, et al.
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Filing Date: July 11, 2003
Group Art Unit: 1743
Title: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DETECTING
SENTINEL LYMPH NODES**

Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

THIRD REQUEST FOR STATUS

Please advise the status of the above-identified patent application which was filed on July 11, 2003. Applicant previously filed a Second Request for Status on April 11, 2005. Applicant received a communication dated March 31, 2006 indicating a communication on the merits would be received in 5 months. However, Applicant has not received any communication on the merits. Accordingly, Applicant is filing this Third Request for Status to respectfully inquire about the status of the present application, and in particular to request notice of when the first Office Action on the merits will be issued.

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REMARKS

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.702(a)(1), it has been over fourteen months since the filing date of this Application and a Notification under either 35 U.S.C. §§ 132 or 151 has not been received. Thus, a period of adjustment of patent term due to examination delay is accruing in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(1).

If there are any matters that can be cleared up through a telephone conversation, please contact the undersigned attorney for Applicant at telephone number 214.953.6913.

Respectfully submitted,

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